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AMENDMENT under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 7/18/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131, an invention disclosure statement, and a translation of pertinent portions of the invention disclose statement have been attached following page 11 of this response.